

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 03/31/03.

### **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 64999 on date of service 12/13/02.

### **II. FINDINGS**

The respondent denied payment based on “F-Fee guideline MAR reduction” and “JM-The medical fee guideline states in the importance of proper coding “accurate coding of services rendered is essential for proper reimbursement”, the services performed are not reimbursable as billed” and “G,YG- reimbursement for this service is included in the basic allowance for another procedure”.

### **III. RATIONALE**

CPT code 64999 does not have a maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) rate, only requires documentation of procedure (DOP). The denial code “F-Fee guideline MAR reduction” was inappropriately used to deny payment since there is no set MAR for the service in dispute. The respondent did not clarify what code would more accurately describe service in dispute in order to be reimbursed or what service this code was global to. Therefore, the service will be reviewed per the 1996 MFG.

The Procedure Note dated 12/13/02 supports delivery of service per TWCC Rule 133.307 (g)(3)(A-F). Reimbursement in the amount of \$80.00 is recommended.

### **IV. DECISION & ORDER**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement in the amount of **\$80.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$80.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2004.

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